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**TITLE:** "IN-LINE METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PREVENT FOULING OF HEAT EXCHANGERS"  
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**INVENTOR:** Dennis L. Salbilla  
**EXAMINER:** Chorbaji, Monzer R.  
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Serial No.: 09/773,438	§	Group Art Unit: 1744
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Filed: January 31, 2001	§	Docket No: SALB/0002
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For: In-Line Method and Apparatus	§	Confirmation 3287
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Dear Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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